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SUBJECT: SAUDI NAVAL CADETS IN U.S.

REF: JIDDA 4624

1. PRINCE SAUD'S REQUEST FOR USG RETURN OF AWOL SAUDI
PERSONNEL RAISES A NUMBER OF COMPLEX LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL
QUESTIONS, WHICH WE ARE EXPLORING.

2. FYI, ONLY ONE AWOL CASE HAS BEEN RAISED WITH DEPT OF-
FICIALLY BY SAUDI EMBASSY, ALTHOUGH WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF
CHRISTIAN CONVERT, SUBSEQUENTLY GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM.
IN CASE RAISED BY SAUDIS, EMBASSY REQUESTED USG ASCERTAIN
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STATUS UNDER WHICH A MR. KHALID A. NAFISEE (FORMERLY
LIEUTENANT) HAD REMAINED IN THE U.S. INQUIRY WITH INS
REVEALED (AFTER SOME MONTHS) THAT MR. NAFISEE HAD ADJUSTED
HIS STATUS TO THAT OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN AFTER
MARRIAGE TO AMERICAN CITIZEN. WHEN NEA/ARP CONVEYED THIS
INFO TO SAG EMBASSY WE WERE TOLD THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT
MR. NAFISEE HAD SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO SAUDI ARABIA.

3. ON JULY 8 AMBASSADOR ALIREZA MET WITH CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS TO DISCUSS SIX MISSING NAVAL PERSONNEL. ALIREZA DID NOT HAVE NAMES OF PERSONNEL BUT PROMISED TO PROVIDE THEM AND STATED HE WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY RAISE MATTER WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO SEEK RETURN OF INDIVIDUALS TO SAUDI ARABIA. CNO PROMISED TO CONSIDER MATTER AND DO WHATEVER WAS PROPER AND PERMISSABLE UNDER US LAW.

4. IF ASKED, YOU MAY TELL PRINCE SAUD THAT THE QUESTIONS RAISED REGARDING AWOL SAUDI PERSONNEL ARE BEING DISCUSSED WITHIN THE USG. WE WILL INFORM EMBASSY OF THE OUTCOME OF OUR REVIEW OF THIS MATTER. VANCE

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